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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: OEPEN ET AL.

SERIAL No. 09/825,956

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FOR: INCREASING THE ELONGATION AT BREAK OF MOLDINGS

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EXAMINER:
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of August 22, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the following be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

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Claims 1 to 7 remain as submitted upon filing of the application.

Consonant with the Examiner's requirement to elect a single disclosed species of the claimed invention, applicants herewith elect the process of increasing the elongation at break of moldings which are made from

(A) a core/shell emulsion copolymer of

a₁) a non-crosslinked butadiene rubber graft base, and

a₂) a styrene (a₂₁) - acrylonitrile (a₂₂) graft, and

(B) an amorphous or semicrystalline styrene/acrylonitrile copolymer,

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